

# LOCAL GROMOV–WITTEN INVARIANTS OF CUBIC SURFACES VIA NEF TORIC DEGENERATION

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ABSTRACT. We compute local Gromov–Witten invariants of cubic surfaces at all genera. We use a deformation of a cubic surface to a nef toric surface and the deformation invariance of Gromov–Witten invariants.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A del Pezzo surface  $S_d$  of degree  $d$  ( $1 \leq d \leq 9$ )<sup>1</sup> is a smooth surface<sup>2</sup> whose anticanonical divisor  $-K_{S_d}$  is ample and  $(-K_{S_d})^2 = d$ . For a smooth projective surface  $X$ , the local Gromov–Witten (GW) invariant is a rational number defined by the integral of a certain class, which is determined by the canonical divisor  $K_X$ , on the moduli stack of stable maps to  $X$  [4, 16]. Local GW invariants of del Pezzo surfaces have been intensively studied in physics in relation to the non-critical string by various methods: mirror symmetry, Seiberg–Witten curve technique and so on (see e.g. [22]). In the case of toric del Pezzo surfaces (i.e.  $6 \leq d \leq 9$ ), a powerful method based on the duality to the Chern–Simons theory enables us to write down an explicit formula for the generating function at all genera [5, 6, 1, 14]. The formula was proved in [31] based on the virtual localization [21, 11] together with a formula for Hodge integrals [24]. In a recent interesting work [8], Diaconescu and Florea proposed a closed formula for the generating function of nontoric del Pezzo surfaces  $S_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 5$ ) for all genera by using the conjectural ruled vertex formalism [7].

Our modest goal is to obtain a formula for the generating function of local GW invariants of  $S_3$  at all genera.  $S_3$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^2$  blown-up at 6 points in a general position and it is also realized as a smooth cubic surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . It is not toric but have a (unique) smooth nef toric degeneration  $S_3^0$  (a smooth toric surface with the nef anticanonical divisor which is deformation equivalent to  $S_3$ ). A main idea is to use the deformation invariance of local GW invariants as in [8, 30] and reduce the computation to those of  $S_3^0$  where we can apply the virtual localization. Here we remark that our results are limited to  $S_k$  ( $k = 3, 4, 5$ ) since  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  do not admit nef toric degenerations.

The results of this paper are as follows. We first prove that in the case of a smooth projective surface with the nef anticanonical divisor, local GW invariants are equal to ordinary GW invariants of a projective bundle compactification of the total space of the canonical line bundle (Proposition 2.2). Our proof is based on the virtual localization with respect to the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action in the fiber direction. Then the deformation invariance of the latter [23, 29]

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<sup>1</sup>In physics literatures,  $S_d$  is usually denoted by  $dP_{9-d}$  or  $B_{9-d}$ . Here we follow the notation used in [26, §0]. A brief account of the classification of del Pezzo surfaces can be found there.

<sup>2</sup>In this article, a surface means an algebraic surface over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

implies that of the former (Proposition 2.4). Next we introduce the toric surface  $S_3^0$  and show that it is the nef toric degeneration of  $S_3$  (Proposition 4.1). Then we derive a formula for the generating function of local GW invariants of  $S_3^0$  by the virtual localization (Lemma 5.1). Finally we obtain a formula for the generating function of local GW invariants of  $S_3$  via those of  $S_3^0$  by the deformation invariance (Theorem 5.2).

The organization of the paper is as follows. In Section 2, we give a definition of local GW invariants and show the deformation invariance. In Section 3, we summarize necessary facts about cubic surfaces  $S_3$ . In Section 4, we introduce the toric surface  $S_3^0$ . For completeness, a proof of the deformation equivalence of  $S_3$  and  $S_3^0$  is included in Appendices A and B. In Section 5, we give formulas for the generating functions of local GW invariants of  $S_3^0$  and  $S_3$ . We have computed the formula explicitly for  $\beta \in H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $-K_{S_3} \cdot \beta \leq 6$ . The results are listed in Section 6 and Appendix C.

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## 2. DEFORMATION INVARIANCE OF LOCAL GW INVARIANTS

In this article, we call a smooth projective surface  $X$  whose anticanonical divisor  $-K_X$  is nef (i.e.  $-K_X \cdot [C] \geq 0$  for all curves  $C \subset X$ ) a nef surface.

Let  $X$  be a nef surface and  $K_X$  its canonical divisor. For  $\beta \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , let  $\bar{M}_{g,0}(X, \beta)$  (resp.  $\bar{M}_{g,1}(X, \beta)$ ) be the moduli stack of stable maps to  $X$  of genus  $g$  without marked point (resp. with one marked point) and with the second homology class  $\beta$ . Let  $\pi : \bar{M}_{g,1}(X, \beta) \rightarrow \bar{M}_{g,0}(X, \beta)$  be the forgetful map of the marked point and  $\mu : \bar{M}_{g,1}(X, \beta) \rightarrow X$  be the evaluation at the marked point.

**Definition 2.1.** For  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and  $\beta \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $\int_{\beta} c_1(K_X) < 0$ , the local Gromov–Witten invariant  $N_{g,\beta}(K_X)$  of  $X$  with genus  $g$  and the second homology class  $\beta$  is

$$N_{g,\beta}(K_X) = \int_{[\bar{M}_{g,0}(X, \beta)]^{vir}} c_{top}(R^1\pi_*\mu^*K_X),$$

where  $c_{top}$  denotes the top Chern class which is of degree  $(1-g)(\dim X - 3) - \int_{\beta} c_1(K_X)$ . (This is equal to the virtual dimension of  $\bar{M}_{g,0}(X, \beta)$ .)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>The condition  $\int_{\beta} c_1(K_X) < 0$  and the nef condition on  $X$  imply  $H^0(C, f^*K_X) = 0$  for  $(f, C) \in \bar{M}_{g,0}(X, \beta)$ .

Let  $\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$  be the projectivization of the total space of the vector bundle  $K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X$  (here the canonical divisor  $K_X$  and the structure sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X$  are regarded as line bundles). This is a  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle over  $X$ . Let  $\iota : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$  be the inclusion as the zero section of  $K_X \subset \mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$ . We define the (ordinary) GW invariant  $N_{g, \iota_*\beta}(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X))$  of  $\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$  of genus  $g$  and the second homology class  $\iota_*\beta$  by

$$N_{g, \iota_*\beta}(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)) = \int_{[\bar{M}_{g,0}(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X), \iota_*\beta)]^{vir}} 1.$$

We note that the deformation invariance is established for this ordinary GW invariant [23, 29].

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a nef surface,  $\iota : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$  be the inclusion as the zero section of  $K_X$ . For  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and  $\beta \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $\int_{\beta} c_1(K_X) < 0$ ,*

$$N_{g, \beta}(K_X) = N_{g, \iota_*\beta}(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)).$$

Consider the natural  $\mathbb{C}^*$  action on  $\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$  as the scalar multiplication in the  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -fiber direction. The action induces an action on  $\bar{M}_{g,0}(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X), \iota_*\beta)$  by moving the image curves of stable maps. First we show the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a nef surface,  $\iota : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$  be the inclusion as the zero section of  $K_X$ . Let  $\beta \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  be a class satisfying  $\int_{\beta} c_1(K_X) < 0$ . If a stable map  $(f, C) \in \bar{M}_{g,0}(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X), \iota_*\beta)$ , where  $C$  is a connected curve of genus  $g$  and  $f : C \rightarrow X$  a morphism such that  $[f(C)] = \iota_*\beta$ , is fixed by the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action, then the image  $f(C)$  is contained in the zero section  $\iota(X)$ .*

*Proof.* Denote the  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -fibration  $\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow X$  by  $p$ , and let  $P = [p^{-1}(a)] \in H_2(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X), \mathbb{Z})$  be the class of the fiber  $\mathbb{P}^1$  where  $a \in X$  is any point. Let  $\iota^\infty : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$  be the inclusion as the zero section of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  (the section at the infinity of the  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle compactification of  $K_X$ ). Note that for any  $\alpha \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ , we have

$$(2.1) \quad \iota_*^\infty \alpha = \iota_* \alpha - \left( \int_{\alpha} c_1(K_X) \right) P.$$

Let  $\gamma \in H_2(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X), \mathbb{Z})$ . If a stable map  $(f, C) \in \bar{M}_{g,0}(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X), \gamma)$  is fixed by the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -action, then the image of an irreducible component  $C_i$  of  $C$  must be either one of these: (i)  $f(C_i) \subset \iota(X)$ , (ii)  $f(C_i) \subset \iota^\infty(X)$  or (iii)  $f(C_i) = p^{-1}(a_i)$  ( $a_i \in X$ ) and  $C_i \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ . So assume that irreducible components  $C_1, \dots, C_k$  of  $C$  are of type (i) with  $[f(C_i)] = \beta_i \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ ,  $C_{k+1}, \dots, C_r$  are of type (ii) with  $[f(C_i)] = \beta_i \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$ , and that  $C_{r+1}, \dots, C_s$  are of type (iii) with  $f : C_i \rightarrow p^{-1}(a_i)$  the  $d_i$ -fold coverings. Then  $[f(C)] = \gamma$  is equivalent to

$$\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^k \iota_* \beta_i + \sum_{i=k+1}^r \iota_*^\infty \beta_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^s d_i P = \sum_{i=1}^r \iota_* \beta_i + \left( \sum_{i=r+1}^s d_i - \sum_{i=k+1}^r \int_{\beta_i} c_1(K_X) \right) P.$$

Now take  $\gamma = \iota_*\beta$  with  $\beta \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  satisfying  $\int_{\beta} c_1(K_X) < 0$  and solve the above equation. The assumption that  $X$  is nef implies that the coefficient of  $P$  in the last line is always nonnegative. Therefore it is zero if and only if there is no irreducible components of type

(iii) and  $\int_{\beta_i} c_1(K_X) = 0$  for those of type (ii). Then connectedness of the domain curve  $C$  implies either  $f(C) \subset \iota(X)$  or  $f(C) \subset \iota^\infty(X)$ . For the latter case,  $\int_{[f(C)]} c_1(K_X) = 0$  and this contradicts the assumption  $\int_{\beta} c_1(K_X) < 0$ . Thus  $f(C) \subset \iota(X)$ .  $\square$

*Proof. (of Proposition 2.2.)* By Lemma 2.3, the  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -fixed point set is isomorphic to  $\bar{M}_{g,0}(X, \beta)$ . Then, by the virtual localization [11],

$$N_{g, \iota_* \beta}(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)) = \int_{[\bar{M}_{g,0}(X, \beta)]^{vir}} e_{\mathbb{C}^*}(R^1 \pi_* \mu^* K_X).$$

Here  $e_{\mathbb{C}^*}$  is the equivariant Euler class. (In the equation below [11, (24)], the nontrivial contribution comes only from the factor  $e(B_5^m)$ ;  $e(B_2^m)$  does not contribute because  $\int_{\beta} c_1(K_X) < 0$ .) Since the LHS is independent of the weight, so is the RHS and we can replace it with the nonequivariant integral.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a nef surface and  $X'$  be a nef surface which is deformation equivalent to  $X$ . Let  $\beta \in H_2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  be a class satisfying  $\int_{\beta} c_1(K_X) < 0$  and  $\beta' \in H_2(X', \mathbb{Z})$  be the class corresponding to  $\beta$  under a deformation. Then  $N_{g, \beta}(K_X) = N_{g, \beta'}(K_{X'})$  for  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  and  $X'$  are deformation equivalent,  $\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(K_{X'} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{X'})$  are also deformation equivalent. Let  $\iota : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)$  and  $\iota' : X' \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}(K_{X'} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{X'})$  be the inclusions as the zero sections of  $K_X$  and  $K_{X'}$  respectively.

We have

$$N_{g, \beta}(K_X) = N_{g, \iota_* \beta}(\mathbb{P}(K_X \oplus \mathcal{O}_X)) = N_{g, \iota'_* \beta'}(\mathbb{P}(K_{X'} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{X'})) = N_{g, \beta'}(K_{X'}).$$

The middle equality follows from the deformation invariance of ordinary GW invariants [23, 29]. The first and the third equalities follow from Proposition 2.2.  $\square$

### 3. CUBIC SURFACES $S_3$

Here we summarize some facts on cubic surfaces, see e.g. [12, Ch. V, 4] for details.

Let  $S_3$  be a cubic surface.  $S_3$  is realized as a blowing up  $\pi : S_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  at six points in a general position. Let  $e_1, \dots, e_6$  be the classes of the exceptional curves of  $\pi$  and  $l$  be the class of a line in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  pulled back by  $\pi$ . Then  $l, e_1, \dots, e_6$  is a basis of  $\text{Pic}(S_3)$ . Their intersections are

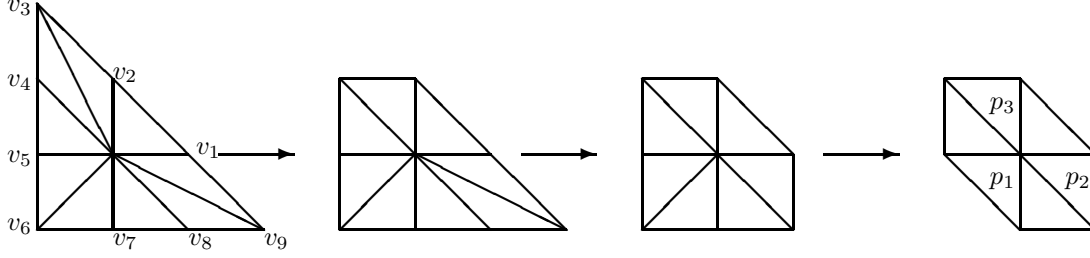
$$l^2 = 1, \quad e_i^2 = -1, \quad l \cdot e_i = 0, \quad e_i \cdot e_j = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j.$$

Let  $h$  be the class of the hyperplane section of  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . Then we have

$$h = -K_{S_3} = 3l - \sum_{i=1}^6 e_i.$$

It is a classical fact that  $S_3$  contains exactly twenty-seven lines which are given as follows:

$$e_i \ (i = 1, \dots, 6), \quad l - e_i - e_j \ (1 \leq i < j \leq 6), \quad 2l - \sum_{i \neq j} e_i \ (j = 1, \dots, 6).$$

FIGURE 1.  $S_3^0 \rightarrow S_4^0 \rightarrow S_5^0 \rightarrow S_6$ .

Each one of these is an exceptional curve of the first kind. These twenty-seven lines are the minimal generators of the Mori cone (the cone generated by effective divisors on  $X$  modulo numerical equivalence) (cf. [26, (0.6)]).

It is well-known that the Weyl group  $W_{E_6}$  of type  $E_6$  acts on  $\text{Pic}(S_3)$  as symmetries of configurations of twenty seven lines. Its generators are given as follows.

$$s_i : e_i \leftrightarrow e_{i+1} \quad (1 \leq i \leq 5),$$

$$s_6 : e_1 \mapsto l - e_2 - e_3, \quad e_2 \mapsto l - e_1 - e_3, \quad e_3 \mapsto l - e_1 - e_2, \quad l \mapsto 2l - e_1 - e_2 - e_3.$$

It is known [9, §4] that  $W_{E_6}$  coincides with the group of automorphisms of  $\text{Pic}(S_3)$  which preserve the intersection form, the canonical class, and the semigroup of effective classes. It is also known that such an automorphism on  $\text{Pic}(S_3)$  comes from an isomorphism of  $S_3$ .

Hereafter we identify  $\text{Pic}(S_3)$  with  $H^2(S_3, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z})$ . The next lemma was shown in [13, §2.4].

**Lemma 3.1.**  $N_{g,\beta}(K_{S_3}) = N_{g,w(\beta)}(K_{S_3})$  for  $w \in W_{E_6}$ .

*Proof.* Since the action of  $w$  on  $H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z})$  is induced from an isomorphism  $\psi : S_3 \rightarrow S_3$ , we have  $N_{g,\beta}(K_{S_3}) = N_{g,\psi_*\beta}(K_{S_3}) = N_{g,w(\beta)}(K_{S_3})$ .  $\square$

#### 4. NEF TORIC SURFACES DEFORMATION EQUIVALENT TO $S_3$ , $S_4$ , AND $S_5$

Let  $S_3^0$ ,  $S_4^0$ , and  $S_5^0$  be the nef toric surfaces whose fans are given in Figure 1. Here the nine one-dimensional cones of  $S_3^0$  are generated by

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= (1, 0), & v_2 &= (0, 1), & v_3 &= (-1, 2), & v_4 &= (-1, 1), & v_5 &= (-1, 0), \\ v_6 &= (-1, -1), & v_7 &= (0, -1), & v_8 &= (1, -1), & v_9 &= (2, -1). \end{aligned}$$

Let the fan of the toric del Pezzo surface  $S_6$  be given in Figure 1 and let  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  be the torus fixed points of  $S_6$  corresponding to the two-dimensional cones generated by  $(v_5, v_7)$ ,  $(v_8, v_1)$ ,  $(v_2, v_4)$ .  $S_3^0$  (resp.  $S_4^0, S_5^0$ ) is obtained by blowing up  $S_6$  at  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  (resp.  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_1$ ).  $S_k^0$  contains  $(-2)$ -curves and its anticanonical divisor is nef but not ample.

**Proposition 4.1.**  $S_k^0$  ( $k = 3, 4, 5$ ) is deformation equivalent to  $S_k$ .

A proof will be given in Appendix A (see Proposition A.2).

Now let us explain the geometry of the nef toric surface  $S_3^0$ . The torus-invariant divisors  $C_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 9$ ) corresponding to  $v_i$  have the intersections:

$$(4.1) \quad C_i.C_{i+1} = 1, \quad C_i.C_j = 0 \quad (j \neq i, i \pm 1), \quad C_i^2 = \begin{cases} -1 & (i = 3, 6, 9), \\ -2 & (i = 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8), \end{cases}$$

and the canonical divisor  $K_{S_3^0}$  is rationally equivalent to  $-C_1 - \cdots - C_9$ . The Mori cone is generated by  $C_1, \dots, C_9$  [27, Proposition 2.26].

Note that  $\text{Pic}(S_3^0) \cong \text{Pic}(S_3)$  and an isomorphism is given by the following.

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} C_1 &\mapsto e_2 - e_5, & C_2 &\mapsto l - e_2 - e_3 - e_6, & C_3 &\mapsto e_6, \\ C_4 &\mapsto e_3 - e_6, & C_5 &\mapsto l - e_1 - e_3 - e_4, & C_6 &\mapsto e_4, \\ C_7 &\mapsto e_1 - e_4, & C_8 &\mapsto l - e_1 - e_2 - e_5, & C_9 &\mapsto e_5. \end{aligned}$$

This is explained as follows. First, in  $S_6$ , we regard the torus-invariant divisors  $C'_1, C'_4, C'_7$  corresponding to  $v_1, v_4, v_7$  as the exceptional curves of blowing up of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  and identify them with  $e_2, e_3, e_1$ . The torus-invariant divisors  $C'_2, C'_5, C'_8$  corresponding to  $v_2, v_5, v_8$  are identified with the proper transforms  $l - e_2 - e_3, l - e_1 - e_3, l - e_1 - e_2$  of lines in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . Then in  $S_3^0$ ,  $C_3, C_6, C_9$  are exceptional curves of the blowup at  $p_3, p_1, p_2$  and we identify them with  $e_6, e_4, e_5$ . For  $i = 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8$ ,  $C_i$  is the proper transform of  $C'_i$ . (This identification can be seen from the construction of a deformation in the proof of Proposition A.2.)

From here on, we identify  $\text{Pic}(S_3^0)$  with  $H^2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z})$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *For  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and  $\beta \in H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $K_{S_3} \cdot \beta < 0$ ,*

$$N_{g, \beta}(K_{S_3}) = N_{g, \beta'}(K_{S_3^0}),$$

where  $\beta' \in H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z})$  is the class corresponding to  $\beta$  by eq. (4.2).

*Proof.* This follows from Propositions 2.4 and 4.1. □

*Remark 4.3.* The statements similar to Theorem 4.2 hold for  $S_4, S_5$ : local GW invariants of  $S_4$  and  $S_5$  are the same as those of  $S_4^0$  and  $S_5^0$ . Their generating functions also have expressions analogous to the formula for  $S_3$  (which will be stated in Theorem 5.2). Local GW invariants of  $S_4$  and  $S_5$  appear among those of  $S_3$  with a natural identification of second homology classes  $H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z}) = H_2(S_4, \mathbb{Z}) \oplus \mathbb{Z}e_6 = H_2(S_5, \mathbb{Z}) \oplus \mathbb{Z}e_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}e_6$ . See [20, §6].

## 5. FORMULA FOR THE GENERATING FUNCTION OF LOCAL GW INVARIANTS OF $S_3$

5.1. First we consider the generating function of local GW invariants of  $S_3^0$  with  $\beta \in H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $K_{S_3^0} \cdot \beta < 0$ . Take a basis  $c_1, \dots, c_7$  of  $H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z})$  and let  $X_1, \dots, X_7$  be associated formal variables. For  $\beta = a_1 c_1 + \cdots + a_7 c_7 \in H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z})$ , denote  $X_1^{a_1} \cdots X_7^{a_7}$  by  $X^\beta$ . We write the generating function as

$$F_{S_3^0} = \sum_{\substack{\beta \in H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z}), \\ K_{S_3^0} \cdot \beta < 0}} \sum_{g \geq 0} N_{g, \beta}(K_{S_3^0}) \lambda^{2g-2} X^\beta.$$

Let  $t_i = X^{[C_i]}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 9$ ) and  $s_i = C_i^2$  (See (4.1)). Define  $Z_{S_3^0}$  by

$$Z_{S_3^0} = \prod_{i=1}^9 \sum_{\nu^i} ((-1)^{s_i t_i})^{|\nu^i|} e^{\sqrt{-1} \lambda s_i \frac{\kappa(\nu^i)}{2}} W_{\nu^i, \nu^{i+1}}(e^{\sqrt{-1} \lambda}).$$

Here each  $\nu^i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 9$ ) runs over the set of partitions and  $\nu^{10} = \nu^1$  is assumed. For partitions  $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots)$  and  $\nu = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots)$ ,

$$W_{\mu, \nu}(q) = s_\mu(q^\rho) s_\nu(q^{\mu+\rho}) \in \mathbb{Q}(q^{\frac{1}{2}}), \quad |\mu| = \sum_{i \geq 1} \mu_i, \quad \kappa(\mu) = \sum_{i \geq 1} \mu_i(\mu_i - 2i + 1),$$

where  $q^{\mu+\rho} = (q^{\mu_i - i + \frac{1}{2}})_{i \geq 1}$ ,  $q^\rho = (q^{-i + \frac{1}{2}})_{i \geq 1}$  and  $s_\mu$  denotes the Schur function. Define  $Z_{(-2)}(t)$  by

$$Z_{(-2)}(t) = \exp \left[ - \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{j} \left( 2 \sin \frac{j\lambda}{2} \right)^{-2} t^j \right].$$

**Lemma 5.1.**

$$\exp(F_{S_3^0}) = \frac{Z_{S_3^0}}{\prod_{i=1,4,7} Z_{(-2)}(t_i) Z_{(-2)}(t_{i+1}) Z_{(-2)}(t_i t_{i+1})}.$$

*Proof.* Recall that  $S_3^0$  has a canonical  $T = (\mathbb{C}^*)^2$ -action determined by its fan. Let  $K_{S_3^0}^T = -C_1 - \dots - C_9$  be an  $T$ -invariant divisor. For any  $\beta \in H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , define  $N_{g, \beta}^T(S_3^0)$  by the following equivariant integral:

$$N_{g, \beta}^T(S_3^0) = \int_{[\bar{M}_{g,0}(S_3^0, \beta)^T]^{vir}} \frac{e_T(R^1 \pi_* \mu^* K_{S_3^0}^T)}{e_T(R^0 \pi_* \mu^* K_{S_3^0}^T)} \frac{1}{e_T(Norm)}.$$

Here  $\bar{M}_{g,0}(S_3^0, \beta)^T$  is the fixed point set of the induced  $T$ -action,  $e_T$  denotes the equivariant Euler class and  $Norm$  is the virtual normal bundle determined by the obstruction theory [11, eqs. (23)(24)]. Note that  $N_{g, \beta}^T(S_3^0) = 0$  if there is no effective divisors of the form  $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq 9} a_i [C_i]$  ( $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ) which are rationally equivalent to  $\beta$  because  $\bar{M}_{g,0}(S_3^0, \beta)^T$  is empty.

Consider the exponential of the generating function for *all* classes

$$(5.1) \quad \exp \left[ \sum_{\beta \in H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z})} \sum_{g \geq 0} N_{g, \beta}^T(S_3^0) \lambda^{2g-2} X^\beta \right].$$

Carrying out the localization calculation in the same way as [31]<sup>4</sup> and using the formula for Hodge integrals [24, Theorem 1], we see that (5.1) is equal to  $Z_{S_3^0}$ .

Next we have to subtract the contributions coming from classes  $\beta$  which does not satisfy  $K_{S_3^0, \beta} < 0$ . Note that such effective classes are of the forms  $a[C_1] + b[C_2]$ ,  $a[C_4] + b[C_5]$  or  $a[C_7] + b[C_8]$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ). Therefore

$$(5.2) \quad \exp \left[ \sum_{\substack{\beta \in H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z}) \\ K_{S_3^0, \beta} \geq 0}} \sum_{g \geq 0} N_{g, \beta}^T(S_3^0) \lambda^{2g-2} X^\beta \right] = \prod_{i=1,4,7} \exp \left[ \sum_{a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \sum_{g \geq 0} N_{g, a[C_i] + b[C_{i+1}]}^T(S_3^0) \lambda^{2g-2} t_i^a t_{i+1}^b \right].$$

<sup>4</sup>The contribution to  $N_{g, \beta}^T(S_3^0)$  from a fixed locus turns out to be completely the same as [31, eqs. (13)(16)]. Thus the summation over genera, second homology classes and fixed loci proceeds in the same manner.

The  $i = 1$  factor is easily obtained by setting  $t_3 = t_4 = \dots = t_9 = 0$  in (5.1). It is equal to

$$Z_{S_3^0}|_{t_3=t_4=\dots=t_9=0} = Z_{(-2)}(t_1)Z_{(-2)}(t_2)Z_{(-2)}(t_1t_2) .$$

The  $i = 4, 7$  factors are similar. Dividing (5.1) by (5.2), we obtain

$$\exp \left[ \sum_{\substack{\beta \in H_2(S_3^0, \mathbb{Z}), \\ K_{S_3^0} \cdot \beta < 0}} \sum_{g \geq 0} N_{g, \beta}^T(S_3^0) \lambda^{2g-2} X^\beta \right] = \frac{Z_{S_3^0}}{\prod_{i=1,4,7} Z_{(-2)}(t_i) Z_{(-2)}(t_{i+1}) Z_{(-2)}(t_i t_{i+1})} .$$

By the virtual localization [11],  $N_{g, \beta}^T(S_3^0) = N_{g, \beta}(S_3^0)$  for  $\beta$  such that  $K_{S_3^0} \cdot \beta < 0$ . Thus We complete our proof.  $\square$

5.2. Next we study the generating function of local GW invariants of  $S_3$ . Let  $Q = (Q_1, \dots, Q_6, Q_7)$  be a set of formal variables and denote  $Q_1^{a_1} Q_2^{a_2} \dots Q_7^{a_7}$  by  $Q^\beta$  for  $\beta = a_1 e_1 + \dots + a_6 e_6 + a_7 l \in H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z})$ . Define

$$F_d = \sum_{\substack{\beta \in H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z}), \\ -K_{S_3} \cdot \beta = d}} \sum_{g \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} N_{g, \beta}(K_{S_3}) \lambda^{2g-2} Q^\beta , \quad (d \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}),$$

and  $F_{S_3} := \sum_{d \geq 1} F_d$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** *With the following identification of the parameters*

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} t_1 &= Q^{e_2 - e_5}, & t_2 &= Q^{l - e_2 - e_3 - e_6}, & t_3 &= Q^{e_6}, & t_4 &= Q^{e_3 - e_6}, & t_5 &= Q^{l - e_1 - e_3 - e_4}, \\ t_6 &= Q^{e_4}, & t_7 &= Q^{e_1 - e_4}, & t_8 &= Q^{l - e_1 - e_2 - e_5}, & t_9 &= Q^{e_5}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\exp(F_{S_3}) = \exp(F_{S_3^0}).$$

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 4.2 and Lemma 5.1. The identification (5.3) is determined by (4.2).  $\square$

*Remark 5.3.* In [8], Diaconescu and Florea obtained a formula for  $F_{S_3}$  which is different from ours (eq. (3.14) for  $k = 5$  in *loc. cit.*). It would be an interesting problem to show that these two formulas are equivalent.

Define  $m(\beta)$  for  $\beta \in H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z})$  by

$$m(\beta) = \frac{1}{\#\{w \in W_{E_6} \mid w(\beta) = \beta\}} \sum_{w \in W_{E_6}} Q^{w(\beta)} .$$

By Lemma 3.1,  $F_d$  should be written in terms of these.  $F_d$  up to  $d = 6$  are shown in Appendix C.

## 6. GOPAKUMAR-VAFA INVARIANTS

Let  $n_\beta^g(K_{S_3})$  ( $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $\beta \in H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z})$ ) be numbers defined by the following :

$$F_{S_3} = \sum_{\beta \in H_2(S_3, \mathbb{Z})} \sum_{g \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{n_\beta^g(K_{S_3})}{k} \left( 2 \sin \frac{k\lambda}{2} \right)^{2g-2} Q^{k\beta} .$$

$n_\beta^g(K_{S_3})$  are called Gopakumar-Vafa invariants [10] . They are listed in Table 1.



$d$	$\beta$	$\#\mathcal{O}(\beta)$	genus	$g$	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	$e_6$	27	0	1	1					
2	$-e_1 + l$	27	0	-2						
3	$l$	72	0	3						
	$-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 - e_6 + 3l$	1	1	27	-4					
4	$-e_1 - e_2 + 2l$	216	0	-4						
	$-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 + 3l$	27	1	-32	5					
5	$-e_1 + 2l$	432	0	5						
	$-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 + 3l$	216	1	35	-6					
	$-2e_2 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 - e_6 + 4l$	27	2	205	-68	7				
6	$-2e_1 - e_2 + 3l$	432	0	-6						
	$2l$	72	0	-6						
	$-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 + 3l$	720	1	-36	7					
	$-2e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 + 4l$	270	2	-198	72	-8				
	$-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 - e_6 + 4l$	72	3	-936	498	-108	9			
	$-2e_1 - 2e_2 - 2e_3 - 2e_4 - 2e_5 - 2e_6 + 6l$	1	4	-3780	2636	-846	141	-10		

TABLE 1. Gopakumar–Vafa invariants  $n_\beta^g(K_{S_3})$ 

- Remark 6.1.* (a) Gopakumar–Vafa invariants  $n_\beta^g(K_{S_3})$  of  $S_3$  are integers. Moreover, for each  $\beta$ ,  $n_\beta^g(K_{S_3})$  is equal to zero for all but finite  $g$ . This follows from the same statement for the toric surface  $S_3^0$  ([28, 19]).
- (b) One could observe that  $n_\beta^g(K_{S_3})$  in Table 1 are zero if  $g$  is larger than the genus  $\beta \cdot (\beta + K_{S_3})/2 + 1$  of a nonsingular curve which belongs to  $\beta$ .
- (c) The results are in agreement with previous results in [25, Table 3], [22, Table 1,  $n = 6$ ], [4, Table 7,  $X_3(1, 1, 1, 1)$ ] obtained by the B-model calculation of mirror symmetry. Also compare with [15, Table 7].

## APPENDIX A. NEF TORIC SURFACES AND THEIR DEFORMATIONS

The following classification is due to Batyrev [3] (see also [4, Table 1]).

**Lemma A.1.** *There are exactly sixteen nef toric surfaces, whose fans are shown in Figure 2.*

We will refer the nef toric surfaces using the numbers shown in frames in Figure 2.

*Proof.* The minimal nef toric surfaces are  $\mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , and the Hirzebruch surface  $\mathbb{F}_2$ , which are No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 respectively. Nef toric surfaces are obtained from them by blowing up at a torus-fixed point successively. By the nef condition, we must blow-up at a torus-fixed point which is not on a torus-fixed  $(-2)$ -curve. All possible patterns of blowing-ups are listed in Figure 2. Note that No. 13, 15, and 16 can no longer be blown-up to nef toric surfaces, since all of their torus-fixed points are on a torus-fixed  $(-2)$ -curve. This completes the classification.  $\square$

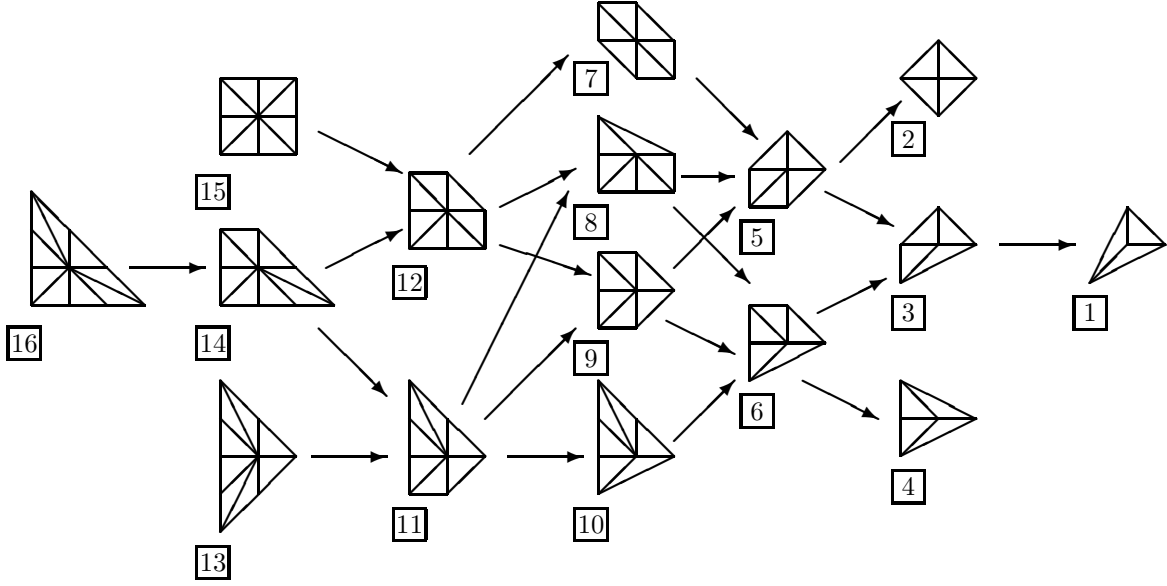


FIGURE 2. Classification of nef toric surfaces. The arrows indicate blow-downs. The numbers in frames are reference numbers. Note that  $S_3^0$ ,  $S_4^0$ , and  $S_5^0$  introduced in §4 are No. 16, 14, and 12, respectively.

**Proposition A.2.** *A nef toric surface has a smooth versal deformation family of dimension  $h^1(\Theta)$ , whose general member is a del Pezzo surface of degree  $c_1^2$ .*

$h^1(\Theta)$  and  $c_1^2$  are given in Table 2.

*Proof.* Note that  $h^2(\Theta) = 0$  for any smooth compact toric surface (Corollary B.2). This implies smoothness of a versal deformation family [17].

Versal deformation families of nef toric surfaces are constructed inductively as follows. Let  $\pi : \tilde{S} \rightarrow S$  be one of the blowing-ups in Figure 2. Let  $P \in S$  be the center of the blowing-up  $\pi$  which is the intersection of two torus-fixed curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  (see Figure 3). By comparing Table 2 with Figure 2, we have

$$(A.1) \quad h^1(\tilde{S}, \Theta) = \begin{cases} h^1(S, \Theta) & \text{if } C_1^2 > -1, C_2^2 > -1, \\ h^1(S, \Theta) + 1 & \text{if } C_1^2 = -1, C_2^2 > -1, \\ h^1(S, \Theta) + 2 & \text{if } C_1^2 = C_2^2 = -1. \end{cases}$$

Since smooth rational curves on complex surfaces with self-intersection  $\geq -1$  is stable under small deformations [18, Example in p.86] (see also [2, IV. 3.1]), a complete deformation family of  $\tilde{S}$  can be found as a simultaneous blowing-up of a complete deformation family of  $S$ . Furthermore, by eq. (A.1), we can find a versal deformation family of  $\tilde{S}$  as follows. First, we consider a versal deformation family  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $S$  on which  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  deform holomorphically. If both of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have self-intersection  $> -1$ , simultaneous blowing up of  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $P$  gives a versal deformation family of  $\tilde{S}$  which is of dimension  $h^1(S, \Theta)$ . If  $C_1^2 = -1$  and  $C_2^2 > -1$ , we move the center  $P$  in the  $C_2$  direction (see Figure 3) and blow  $\mathcal{S}$  up simultaneously to get a versal deformation family of  $\tilde{S}$  which is of dimension  $h^1(S, \Theta) + 1$ . If  $C_1^2 = C_2^2 = -1$ , we move the center  $P$  in the whole direction and blow  $\mathcal{S}$  up simultaneously to get a versal

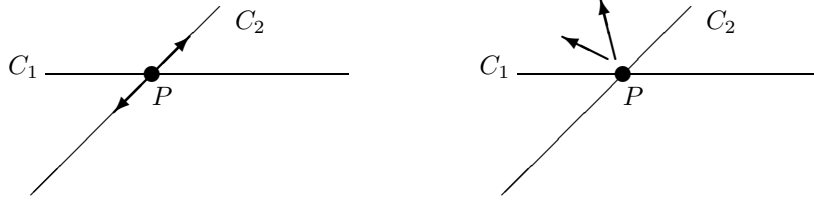


FIGURE 3. The center  $P$  of a blowing-up ( $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are torus-fixed curves) and its moving. The left is the case with  $C_1^2 = -1$ ,  $C_2^2 \geq 0$  and the right is the case with  $C_1^2 = C_2^2 = -1$ .

deformation family of  $\tilde{S}$  which is of dimension  $h^1(S, \Theta) + 2$ .

Thus we can find versal deformation families of nef toric surfaces inductively. It is easy to see that their general members are del Pezzo surfaces.  $\square$

Deformation type	<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>VI</i>	<i>VII</i>	<i>VIII</i>
No.	1	3	2 4	5 6	7 8 9 10	11 12	13 14 15	16
$c_1^2$	9	8	8	7	6	5	4	3
$c_2$	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	9
$-\frac{7c_1^2-5c_2}{6}$	-8	-6	-6	-4	-2	0	2	4
$h^0(\Theta)$	8	6	6 7	4 5	2 4 3 5	3 2	3 2 2	2
$h^2(\Theta)$	0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0	0 0 0	0
$h^1(\Theta)$	0	0	0 1	0 1	0 2 1 3	3 2	5 4 4	6

TABLE 2. Eight deformation types and  $h^1(\Theta) \left( = -\frac{7c_1^2-5c_2}{6} + h^0(\Theta) + h^2(\Theta) \right)$ .

## APPENDIX B. UNOBSTRUCTEDNESS

Let  $X$  be a smooth compact toric surface,  $D := D_1 + \cdots + D_r$  be the sum of all torus invariant divisors  $D_1, \dots, D_r$ , and  $\Theta(-\log D)$  be the sheaf of germs of holomorphic vector fields with logarithmic zeros along  $D$ .

**Lemma B.1.**  $H^2(X, \Theta(-\log D)) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\Theta(-\log D) = \mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} N$  (cf. [27, Proposition 3.1]), where  $N$  is the 2-dimensional lattice such that the fan of  $X$  sits in  $N \otimes \mathbb{R}$ .  $H^2(X, \Theta(-\log D)) = H^2(X, \mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} N) = H^2(X, \mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}) = 0$ , since  $H^2(X, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  (cf. [27, Corollary 2.8]).  $\square$

**Corollary B.2.**  $H^2(X, \Theta) = 0$ .

*Proof.* From the exact sequence (cf. [27, Theorem 3.12])

$$0 \longrightarrow \Theta(-\log D) \longrightarrow \Theta \longrightarrow \oplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}(D_i)|_{D_i} \longrightarrow 0,$$

and Lemma B.1, we have  $H^2(X, \Theta) = 0$ .  $\square$

APPENDIX C.  $F_d$  ( $1 \leq d \leq 6$ )

Let  $\mathbf{b}[\mathbf{k}] := (2 \sin \frac{k\lambda}{2})^2$ .

$$F_1 = \frac{1}{\mathbf{b}[1]} m(e_6), \quad F_2 = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \mathbf{b}[2]} m(2e_6) + \frac{-2}{\mathbf{b}[1]} m(-e_1 + l),$$

$$F_3 = \frac{1}{3 \cdot \mathbf{b}[3]} m(3e_6) + \frac{3}{\mathbf{b}[1]} m(l) + \left(-4 + \frac{27}{\mathbf{b}[1]}\right) m(-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 - e_6 + 3l),$$

$$F_4 = \frac{1}{4 \cdot \mathbf{b}[4]} m(4e_6) + \frac{-2}{2 \cdot \mathbf{b}[2]} m(-2e_1 + 2l) + \frac{-4}{\mathbf{b}[1]} m(-e_1 - e_2 + 2l) \\ + \left(5 + \frac{-32}{\mathbf{b}[1]}\right) m(-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 + 3l)$$

$$F_5 = \frac{1}{5 \cdot \mathbf{b}[5]} m(5e_6) + \frac{5}{\mathbf{b}[1]} m(-e_1 + 2l) + \left(-6 + \frac{35}{\mathbf{b}[1]}\right) m(-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 + 3l) \\ + \left(7 \cdot \mathbf{b}[1] - 68 + \frac{205}{\mathbf{b}[1]}\right) m(-2e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 - e_6 + 4l),$$

$$F_6 = \frac{1}{6 \cdot \mathbf{b}[6]} m(6e_6) - \frac{2}{3 \cdot \mathbf{b}[3]} m(-3e_1 + 3l) + \left(\frac{3}{2 \cdot \mathbf{b}[2]} - \frac{6}{\mathbf{b}[1]}\right) m(2l) \\ + \left(7 - \frac{36}{\mathbf{b}[1]}\right) m(-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 + 3l) \\ + \left(-8 \cdot \mathbf{b}[1] + 72 - \frac{198}{\mathbf{b}[1]}\right) m(-2e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 + 4l) \\ + \left(9 \cdot \mathbf{b}[1]^2 - 108 \cdot \mathbf{b}[1] + 498 - \frac{936}{\mathbf{b}[1]}\right) m(-e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 - e_6 + 4l) \\ + \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(-4 + \frac{27}{\mathbf{b}[2]}\right) - 10 \cdot \mathbf{b}[1]^3 + 141 \cdot \mathbf{b}[2]^2 - 846 \cdot \mathbf{b}[1] + 2636 - \frac{3780}{\mathbf{b}[1]}\right) \\ \times m(-2e_1 - 2e_2 - 2e_3 - 2e_4 - 2e_5 - 2e_6 + 6l).$$

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